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FOR VREBALOVICH, SCIENCE CNSELOR

REF: NEW DELHI 9271

1. LETTER RESPONDING TO GOI REQUEST FOR U.S.-INDIA MEETING
WAS SIGNED AND MAILED ON JUNE 21. IN ALL IMPORTANT RESPECTS
IT IS THE SAME AS THE COPY SENT WITH GREENFIELD-SCHAFER
LETTER OF JUNE 2, 1978. A FINAL COPY IS BEING SENT TO YOU
TODAY BY POUCH.

2. BASED ON THE RESPONSE NO FORMAL U.S.-INDIA MEETING IS
APPROPRIATE IN JULY.

3. RAMAN (IMO) HAS APPROACHED NSF REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA
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AT MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL FOR FGGE (IPF).
RAMAN INDICATES THAT HIGH LEVEL GOI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE
BEEN PREPARED FOR A MEETING WITH U.S. ON JULY 18-20, 1978.

ACCORDING TO HIM, AN OUTRIGHT CANCELLATION WILL HAVE
SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR MONEX.

4. OUR RESPONSE WILL BE THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING COULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AROUND THAT TIME PRELIMINARY TO THE DRAFTING OF AN INDO-U.S. AGREEMENT ON MONEX. RAMAN IS BEING TOLD THAT DR. KUETTNER, DIRECTOR, U.S. MONEX PROJECT OFFICE PLANS TO BE IN NEW DELHI ON JULY 17-19 AND COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME. DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS?

5. WE ANTICIPATE THAT A FORMAL AGREEMENT MIGHT BE ARRANGED BY SEPTEMBER AS DISCUSSED IN LETTER TO GOI.

6. NSF PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR GARP, DR. GREENFIELD WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE OR COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER.

7. FOR YOUR INFORMATION KUETTNER WILL PROBABLY BE IN NEW DELHI WITH M.I.T. PROF. J. SHUKLA, INDIA NATIONAL, U.S. RESIDENT AND MEMBER OF U.S. MONEX ADVISORY PANEL. PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT IS TO TRY TO DEVELOP A GENUINE U.S.-INDIA SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM DIRECTED AT BAY OF BENGAL PHASE OF MONEX. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF YOU ON THEIR VISIT DURING THEIR STAY IN NEW DELHI.

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